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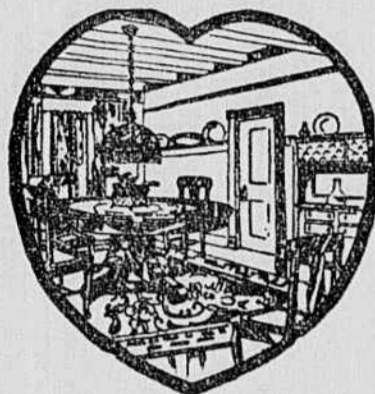
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"GOOD ROADS"—A PRIZE ESSAY

By Miss Ruth Waltrip, a Pupil in the Jamestown High School, James City County.



MISS RUTH WALTRIP

The Co-operative Education Association offers a prize each year to the high school pupil in the State forwarding the best paper on the subject of good roads. The condition of the contest is that this paper must be read by the pupil composing it at a meeting of the civic league, or at some other public gathering held in the school—in fact, the Co-operative Education Association wishes each of its 700 school and civic leagues to hold a good roads meeting during this year, for the association is interested not only in school betterment, but in all that tends to improve the country, and its officers believe that the people should meet in the school-houses for the purpose of discussing plans for community improvement. Such a meeting was held recently in the Jamestown High School, in James City County, and a most interesting program was given. The following paper by Miss Ruth Waltrip, was read at the meeting and awarded the prize offered by the association.

Good Roads.
From reading my father's newspaper, I see that many great problems are being discussed by the people, such as the trouble in Mexico, tariff revision, the currency, and many others, all of which, I suppose, must be of more or less interest to the people of the world, but all of them cannot be of vital interest to the rank and file of the town or great President generally uses in speaking of the masses of the people.

There is, however, a problem which of recent years is being agitated by the people of this country that is of vital interest and importance to all, and especially to the masses, since a majority of the people live in the country. This question, however, to which I have referred, should not escape the interest of any people, whether they be country or city bred, capitalists or laborers. It is of serious importance to all, and it is the problem of good roads. They are the common highways used to a greater or less extent by all.

By the term "good roads," we mean roads in such condition that they will not be a hindrance to transportation, on account of being muddy, having holes or being too sandy, but will be in such condition that the farmer will not fear to take a good load of produce on his wagon to the market, the lumberman a reasonable amount of his lumber, and the farmer's wife may drive to town without fear of her vehicle dropping into a hole or being demolished. The automobilist may make his trip to the neighboring town or to the country without mistaking the mud for a road, and last, but not least, the rural carrier can get our mail to us on time with a better looking horse or clean machine.

A good road properly drained, practically free from dust and mud, presents a pleasant view to the country around it. A bad road, full of mud-holes in some places, and deep sand in others, will convince the observer that the community bordering on such a highway must be a poor one and its inhabitants careless or indolent.

Let us consider some of the advantages of good roads. We will begin with the farmer, as I believe he is the most important factor. To him, if the roads be good ones leading from his farm to the market, or to the places of shipment, he can carry at least three loads what it would take four loads to carry over bad roads, thereby saving the price of one whole day's work for himself and his team (\$10), plus a better load of produce for his market.

He will not object to his family taking the day's work to a neighboring town or to the country without mistaking the mud for a road, and last, but not least, the rural carrier can get our mail to us on time with a better looking horse or clean machine.

The merchant, the manufacturer, the business man, the laborer, the professional man, the capitalist, and, in fact, persons in every walk of life receive direct benefits from good roads.

To state the particular advantages of good roads to each one of these classes would require an amount of space sufficient to put my paper beyond the limit of the contest. However, it is clearly to be seen by all that each class would receive direct benefits.

The construction of good roads depends, I should think, in great measure upon the quality of the material used. I believe that the best material for roads is gravel, and that the best gravel is that which is found in the country that is to be improved. It is the duty of the State to see that the material used is of the best quality, and that the roads are properly drained.

Where it is impossible to have sand and gravel, I believe that the road should be made high enough with any kind of soil, to prevent water from settling in the road, and to keep it in a fair condition during the early spring, so as to give them a better chance to get the roads in better shape during the good weather.

It is a pity that the good weather is so short, and that the roads are so bad. I believe that the State should make it a duty to see that the roads are properly drained, and that the material used is of the best quality. I believe that the State should make it a duty to see that the roads are properly drained, and that the material used is of the best quality.

we use bad roads and wait for it! And then, if we get our little share of it, should we fix the roads as best we can and be satisfied?

Since we must admit that good roads are of vital interest and importance to all, why not let every community divide up into clubs, designating themselves good road clubs, and each club take a section of the road in its community and, in addition to the State and county funds, help to maintain these particular roads? Each member then would feel real ownership in the road, and would further suggest that all transferors of heavy loads would equip their vehicles with a small ax and a shovel, and require teamsters to do a little repair work to any hole in the road, if it is only to cast in one spadeful of dirt or several as he passes. This kept up by all will, I believe, result in untold good, and bad roads under these conditions will become a "bugaboo" of the past.

Let us imagine the problem of good roads settled.

We will therefore draw a mental picture of our community surrounded by good roads, for we believe many improvements will follow in the wake of good roads. In fancy, I see long stretches of good, hard roads, bordered on either side by fields of waving grain or well-prepared soil waiting for the hand of the farmer. No unsightly weeds or clumps of briars are allowed beside this model road, but stately trees for shade during the heat of the summer line it on either side. The one-time narrow path to the often shabby farmhouse, bordered too often by weeds or other unsightly growths, is no longer seen, for it has been supplanted by a neat driveway bordered with graceful shade trees leading up to a neat, well-kept home. Outbuildings, woodsheds, broken-down vehicles and odds and ends of cast-off farm machinery are no longer prominent parts of the landscape, but have all been relegated to their proper places. There are neat lawns instead of cornfields in front of dwellings; unsightly dead trees are not allowed in the landscape. The view of the home from the road and the wood from the home are both pleasing to the eye.

Along this model road a view is to be had now and then of well-built and commodious schoolhouses, groups of happy boys and girls assembled about their lawns or wending their way to school, and no longer does the fear of mud-battered clothing and shoes keep them from their daily school tasks.

Incomplete as is this mental picture, it brings to my mind the beautiful poem of Ella Wheeler Wilcox, and in conclusion I will quote this poem:

I am a road, a good road, fair and smooth and bright and true,
And I link with my beautiful tether
Town and country together.
Like a ribbon tied on the earth from
The feet of God.

Oh, great the life of a road!
I am a road, a kind road, shaped by strong hands.
I make strange cities neighbors;
The poor grow rich with my labors,
And beauty and comfort follow me
Through the lands.

Oh, great the life of a road!
I am a road, and I speed away from the slums,
Away from desolate places,
Away from unused spaces.
Wherever I go there order from chaos comes.

Oh, brave the life of a road!
I am a road, and would make the whole world one.
I would give hope to duty,
And cover the earth with beauty.
Do you not see, oh men, how all this
Might be done?

So vast the power of the road!
RUTH WALTRIP.
Williamsburg, Va.

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